

# Auglaize DD Strategic Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Highlights

April-June 2026

## Ensure fiscal sustainability.

- Partnered with WestCON COG to develop a new service line for EI Child Record Review to create operational efficiencies and cost savings.
- Met with OACB, Board Vice President Kristi Klopfenstein, Senator Susan Manchester, and District Aide Kennedie Goubeaux on May 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss county board sustainability and the critical impact of early intervention services.
- Engaged in an opportunity to add a nutrition specialist to the EI Team, available through the Clearwater COG and funded by a Department of Children and Youth (DCY) grant.

## Enhance community outreach.

- Created a flow chart to help providers determine when an unscheduled hospitalization MUI should be filed.
- Created and distributed an Advocating for Change guide based on input from advocates at the May Regional Advocacy Meeting.
- Created and implemented an outreach campaign to raise awareness of Elevated Blood Lead Levels, including billboards, chamber newsletters, and TV PSAs.
- Community Connections Coordinator and HR & Administrative Support Coordinator attended a Web Content Accessibility Guidelines training and distributed materials to Auglaize DD Support Staff.

## Accommodate increasing needs.

- Expectations of moving days and times related to the Board's facility expansion were communicated during staff and departmental meetings and through the HR & Administrative Coordinator for those directly impacted.
- Program Support Specialist implemented workflow to ensure updates between Auglaize DD's system of record and DODD's system of record happen consistently and accurately.
- Created and implemented a Service Information Form to support the appropriate and timely start of services for individuals upon their determination of eligibility for Auglaize DD services.

## Foster employee engagement.

- Early Intervention Services Manager completed Auglaize County VALU Leadership development, expanding knowledge of resources and organizations that serve Auglaize County.
- A Quality Improvement Model program was adopted as best practice for the Auglaize DD Autism Diagnosis Education Project.
- Introduced "team-assisted problem solving" to the SSA departmental agenda, allowing time for discussion of situational, caseload, and staffing issues or barriers.
- Included area to discuss positive outcomes and how barriers were overcome related to SSA functions. Allowing SSAs to ask questions on related issues.